(c) the reasons for the delay to introduce this service ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposal to introduce new design of EMU service is under examination.

Selection of several posts in the Railways

3768. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether incumbents to several posts like Telephone Officer, Senior Analyst, Protocol Officer, Transport Inspector, Incharge of Record Room etc. are working on these posts for the last seven years without any selection;

(b) if so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some more incumbents on these ex-cadre posts are working for a long time without any selection;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether operation of ex-cadre posts without any selection has become primary function in Board's office;

(f) whether Government propose to take some action in this regard to allow deserving persons; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) to (d) None of the incumbents of these posts is working for the last seven years without selection.

(e) to (g) No Sir. However, the ad-hoc arrangements are made in administrative exigencies, pending framing of Recruitment Rules and selection of regular incumbents, with due regard to eligibility and suitability.

Superfast and long distance trains

3769. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of steps Government have taken or propopse to take to enfocre punctuality in Superfast and Long distance trains;

(b) the reasons for the continuous late running of Neelachal Express between New Delhi-Puri and vice versa; and

(c) what steps have been taken and proposed to be taken to curb travelling in reserved compartments by unreserved or ordinary ticket holders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Real time monitoring of long distance superfast trains is being done round the clock to eliminate detentions which are within the con rol of Railways. All avoidable detentions are being taken up severely. Extraneous factors like Alarm chain pulling, agitations, bandhs on issues not concerning Railways and other miscreant activities like bomb blasts and sabotage on railway tracks, however, continue to affect punctuality of trains.

(b) Alaram chain pulling, accidents, agitations/bandhs and equipment failures.

(c) Regular checks are being conducted to discourage ordinary ticket holders from travelling in reserved compartments.

सतना-रीवा-बधवार-व्यौहारी रेल लाइन का सर्वेक्षण

3770. **श्री गुफरान आज़म** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सतना–रीवा–बधवार––व्यौहारी रेल लाइन का सर्वेक्षण कब किया गया था और इसकी अनुमानित लागत कितनी थी;

(ख) क्या रेल मंत्रालय ने उक्त रेल लाइन को अपनी स्वीकृति दे दी है और यदि हां, तो इसके लिए इस वर्ष के बजट में कितना